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The PCT International Search Report (attached) dated September 12, 2002, listed three documents as relevant to Claims 1, 21, 22, 33, 36, 40, 42, and 47-51.

The three documents, namely:

P. Poncelet E.A.: "Spironolactone and altizide used in combination with enalapril: twenty-four-hour ambulatory recording of blood pressure", The American Journal of Cardiology, vol 65, 1990, pages 33k-35k, XP000577438, page 33K;

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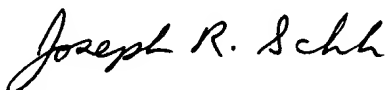
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Attached is a copy of the PCT International Search Report including the International Preliminary Examining Authority's comments as to the relevance of the cited documents to the claimed invention.

Copies of cited documents are enclosed herewith for the Examiner's convenience, along with PTO Form 1449 listing all documents.

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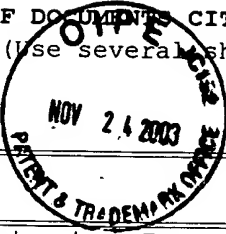
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